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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: _	Case No. 3153	
12		Case 110. 3133	
13	ANDREA K. JENKINS 1423 North 5 th Street		
	Point Hueneme, CA 93041	DEFAULT DECISION	
14	Pharmacy Technician Registration	AND ORDER	
15	No. TCH 21784	[Gov. Code, §11520]	
16	Respondent.		
17	EINDINGS OF		
18	FINDINGS OF FACT		
19	1. On or about July 15, 2008, Complainant Virginia Herold, in her official		
20	capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs,		
21	filed Accusation No. 3153 against ANDREA K. JENKINS before the Board of Pharmacy.		
22	2. On or about March 20, 1997, the Board issued Pharmacy Technician		
23	Registration No. TCH 21784 to Andrea K. Jenkins (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician		
24	Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein,		
	expired on June 30, 2008, and has not been renewed.		
25	3. On or about July 31, 2008, Gilda R. Sanchez, an employee of the		
26	Department of Justice, served by Certified and First Class Mail a copy of the Accusation No.		
27	3153, Amended Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Amended Request for Discovery,		
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and Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to Respondent's address of record with the Board, which was and is 1423 North 5th Street, Point Hueneme, CA 93041. ¹ A copy of the Accusation, the related documents, and Declaration of Service are attached as **Exhibit A**, and are incorporated herein by reference.

- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c).
- 5. The First Class mailing was not returned and presumed delivered to the addressee. The certified mailing postal return card was returned by the post office indicating delivery to the addressee on August 1, 2008. The returned postal return card is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, and incorporated by reference.
 - 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
- "(c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing."
- 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 2006-215.
 - 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent."
 - 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board

^{1.} The Statement to Respondent and other accompanying documents in the service package are referred to as "Amended." This is because initial service of the Accusation by certified and first class mail to Respondent's address of record included accompanying documents with a clerical error in the caption(s). The error was noted after the documents were mailed. In order to cure any possible defect in notice to Respondent, a new, corrected set of accompanying documents was prepared - and a second service of the Accusation made a few days later, on July 31, 2008, as described.

finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on Respondent's express admissions by way of default and the evidence contained in Board files related to this matter, including attached exhibits, finds that the allegations in Accusation No. 2006-215 are true.

- 10. Vicodin ES (generic Hydrocodone 7.5 and Acetaminophen 750mg) is a dangerous drug as defined section 4022 and is classified as a Schedule III controlled substance as listed in the Health and Safety Code Section 11056(e)(4). It is a narcotic analgesic used in the treatment of moderate to severe pain.
- 11. Apidex is a brand name for the drug "Phentermine" and is a dangerous drug as defined in section 4022 and classified as a Schedule IV controlled substance as listed in the Health and Safety Code Section 11057(f)(4). It is anorexiant used in the treatment of obesity.
- 12. Darvocet N (generic-Propoxyphene 100mg and Acetaminophen 650mg) is a dangerous drug as defined in section 4022 and classified as a Schedule IV controlled substance as listed in the Health and Safety Code Section 11057(c)(2). It is a narcotic analgesic used in the treatment of moderate to severe pain.
- 13. Diazepam is the generic form of a drug commonly known by the brand names of "Valium" and is a dangerous drug as defined section 4022 and classified as a Schedule IV controlled substance as listed in the Health and Safety Code Section 11057(d)(9). It is narcotic used in the treatment of anxiety.
- 14. *Diethxproprion* (generic) is a dangerous drug as defined section 4022 and classified as a Schedule IV controlled substance as listed in the Health and Safety Code Section 11057(f)(1). It is a anorexiant analgesic used in the treatment of obesity.
- 15. Soma is a brand name for the drug "Carisprodol", and is a dangerous drug as defined section 4022. It is a non-narcotic analysesic used in the treatment of skeletal muscle pain.
- 16. Clonazepam, also known by the brand name of "Klonopin" is a dangerous drug as defined section 4022 and classified as a Schedule IV controlled substance as listed in the Health and Safety Code Section 11057(d)(7). It is an anticonvulsant used in the treatment of

seizure disorders and panic attacks.

- 17. Ambien is a brand name for the drug "zolpidem" and is a dangerous drug as defined in section 4022 and classified as a Schedule IV controlled substance as listed in the Health and Safety Code Section 11057 (a)(32) is a depressant typically used as a sedative.
- 18. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (f),(j) and (o), section 4059, subdivision (a) and Health and Safety Code section 11170 for unprofessional conduct due to multiple acts involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, and/or corruption in that between May 1, 2006 and October 25, 2006, while employed as a pharmacy technician at Rite Aide Pharmacy No. 5782 ("Rite Aid"), in Port Hueneme, CA, Respondent, by her own admission, diverted narcotics and dangerous drugs from Rite Aid as follows:
 - A. On October 25, 2006, while on duty as a pharmacy technician at Rite Aide, Respondent was observed stealing Vicodin ES tablets, which she then hid in her purse.
 - B. When confronted with evidence of the diversion, Respondent admitted that, she had diverted "several handfuls" of the drugs Soma, and Vicodin ES from Rite Aid.
 - C. At that time, during a consensual search of her purse by a Rite Aid manager, Respondent was found to be in possession of controlled substances, for which she had no prescription, as follows: (1) Soma (350mg) 18 tablets; (2) Darvocet N (100) 3 tablets; (3) Vicodin ES (11 + 17) 28 tablets; (4) Diazepam (2mg) 20 tablets; (5) Drethylroprion (75mg) 1 tablet; (6) Adipex (30 mg) (19 + 2) 21 tablets.
 - D. The referenced search of Respondent's purse also disclosed quantities of the drugs Ambien and Clonazepam (1mg), for which she had legitimate prescriptions. However, Respondent had a much larger quantity of Clonazepam (90 tablets) than was authorized by her prescription (30 tablets).
 - E. In a "Letter of Explanation" to her employer written by Respondent on October 25, 2006, Respondent estimated she had diverted drugs from Rite Aid on at

- F. On October 25, 2006, Port Hueneme Police Department officers arrested Respondent for possession of controlled substances without a prescription. However, no criminal prosecution resulted.
- 19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivisions (j) and (o) and 4060, subdivision (a) and Health and Safety Code section 11377, subdivision (a) for unprofessional conduct in that on or about October 25, 2006, while employed and on duty as a pharmacy technician at Rite Aide, was observed stealing Vicodin ES tablets, and was found in a consensual search of her purse to be in possession of quantities of other controlled substances for which she had no prescription, and admitted that she had diverted drugs from Rite Aid on at least three occasions prior to October 25, 2006, as more fully described in paragraph 18, above.
- 20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (j) and (o) and Health and Safety Code section 11173 (a) for unprofessional conduct for committing acts of fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, and/or subterfuge to obtain narcotics and dangerous drugs, in that on October 25, 2006, while employed and on duty as a pharmacy technician at Rite Aide, was observed stealing Vicodin ES tablets, was found to be in possession of quantities of other controlled substances for which she had no prescription, leading to additional evidence, including her own admissions, that Respondent had diverted quantities of drugs from the pharmacy on at least three occasions in addition and prior to October 25, 2006, as more fully described in paragraph 18, above.
- 21. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (j) and (o) and 4327 for unprofessional conduct in that on or about October 25, 2006, while employed as a pharmacy technician at Rite Aide, Respondent diverted drugs from pharmacy drug stock, during her shift that day, while on duty performing usual and customary responsibilities as a pharmacy technician, she diverted and then ingested quantities of the drugs Vicodin ES and Soma.

ORDER

WHEREFORE the Board of Pharmacy issues its decision REVOKING Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 21784, heretofore issued to Respondent ANDREA K. JENKINS. Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute. This Decision shall become effective on March 11, 2009 February 9, 2009 It is so ORDERED .14 **BOARD OF PHARMACY** DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA By

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 3153

Related Documents and Declaration of Service

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16	Respondent.		
17	Complainant alleges:		
18	<u>PARTIES</u>		
19	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official		
20	capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of Consumer		
21	Affairs.		
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23	Registration No. TCH 21784 to Andrea K. Jenkins (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician		
24	Registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and		
25	will expire on June 30, 2008, unless renewed.		
26	<u>JURISDICTION</u>		
27	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the		
28	following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise		
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indicated.

4. Section 118, subdivision (b) states:

The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending ore revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground.

- 5. Section 4300 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that every license issued by the Board is subject to discipline, including suspension or revocation.
 - 6. Section 4301 of the Code states:

"The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of unprofessional conduct or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

"(f) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of relations as a licensee or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not.

"(h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or of alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to a person holding a license under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.

"(j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state or of the United States

"(o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency."

- 7. Section 4022 defines "Dangerous Drugs" as any drug that is unsafe for self-medication and which by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription.
 - 8. Section 4059, subdivision (a) of the Code states in pertinent part:

"A person may not furnish any dangerous drug, except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.5. A person may not furnish any dangerous device, except upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.5."

- 9. Section 4060 of the Code states in pertinent part that "(n)o person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished to a person upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, veterinarian, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.7,or furnished pursuant to a drug order issued by a certified nurse-midwife pursuant to Section 2746.51, a nurse practitioner pursuant to Section 2836.1, or a physician assistant pursuant to Section 3502.1, or naturopathic doctor pursuant to Section 3640.5...."
- 10. Section 4327 of the Code states that "any person who, while on duty, sells, dispenses, or compounds any drug while under the influence of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."
- 11. Health & Safety Code section 11170 states that no person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself.
- 12. Health & Safety Code section 11173(a) states that no person shall obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substances, or procure or attempt to procure the administration of or prescription for controlled substances, (1) by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge; or

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(2) by the concealment of a material fact.

- 13. Health & Safety Code section 11377(a) states, in pertinent part, that every person who possesses any controlled substance which is classified in Health & Safety Code section 11055(d)(2) and which is not a narcotic drug, unless upon the prescription of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or veterinarian, licensed to practice in this state, shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of not more than one year or in the state prison.
- 14. Section 125.3 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

DRUG CLASSIFICATIONS

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FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Act(s) of Dishonesty and Deceit: Theft of Drug Stock from Employer)

- 23. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (f),(j) and (o), section 4059, subdivision (a) and Health and Safety Code section 11170 for unprofessional conduct due to multiple acts involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, and/or corruption in that between May 1, 2006 and October 25, 2006, while employed as a pharmacy technician at Rite Aide Pharmacy No. 5782 ("Rite Aid"), in Port Hueneme, CA, Respondent, by her own admission, diverted narcotics and dangerous drugs from Rite Aid as follows:
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- B. When confronted with evidence of the diversion, Respondent admitted that, she had diverted "several handfuls" of the drugs Soma, and Vicodin ES from Rite Aid.
- C. At that time, during a consensual search of her purse by a Rite Aid manager, Respondent was found to be in possession of controlled substances, for which she had no prescription, as follows:
 - 1. Soma (350mg) 18 tablets

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Obtaining Drugs by Fraud, Deceit, Misrepresentation, or Subterfuge)

25. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (j) and (o) and Health and Safety Code section 11173 (a) for unprofessional conduct for committing acts of fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, and/or subterfuge to obtain narcotics and dangerous drugs, in that on October 25, 2006, while employed and on duty as a pharmacy technician at Rite Aide, was observed stealing Vicodin ES tablets, was found to be in possession of quantities of other controlled substances for which she had no prescription, leading to additional evidence, including her own admissions, that Respondent had diverted quantities of drugs from the pharmacy on at least three occasions in addition and prior to October 25, 2006, as more fully described in paragraph 23, above.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Dispensing While Under the Influence)

26. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300, 4301, subdivision (j) and (o) and 4327 for unprofessional conduct in that on or about October 25, 2006, while employed as a pharmacy technician at Rite Aide, Respondent admitted diverting drugs from pharmacy drug stock, as described more fully in paragraph 23 above. Respondent further admitted that during her shift that day, while on duty performing usual and customary responsibilities as a pharmacy technician, she diverted and then ingested quantities of the drugs Vicodin ES and Soma.

FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Self-Administering/Dangerous Use of Controlled Substances)

27. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 4300, 4301 subdivisions (h) for unprofessional conduct in that approximately between May 1, 2006 and October 25, 2006, while employed as a pharmacy technician at Rite Aid, Respondent self-administered and/or used controlled substances and/or dangerous drugs while on duty as a pharmacy technician and otherwise to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to herself or to others as described more fully in paragraphs 23 and 26 above.

OTHER MATTERS

28. As described in paragraph 23 above, on or about October 25, 2006 Port Hueneme Police Department officers arrested and booked Respondent for possession of controlled substances without a prescription. Officers then questioned Respondent at length. At that time, Respondent described emotional and mental problems, stated that she was suicidal and despondent over the death of her brother, and that she was a "cutter" - having recently cut herself to cope with painful memories. Officers transferred her to the Ventura County Health Department where she was committed for a 72 hour hold for psychiatric evaluation pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician Registration No. TCH 21784, issued to Andrea K. Jenkins;
- 2. Ordering Andrea K. Jenkins to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 7/15/08

VIRGINIA HEROLD

Board of Pharmacy State of California

Complainant